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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract on page 14 with the following rewritten Abstract:

BEVERAGE DISPENSER AND ALARM DEVICE FOR
BEVERAGE DISPENSER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A beverage dispenser (10) is ~~provided~~, for ejecting a beverage into a receptacle, including a housing including a taking-in/out space, nozzles (27, 28) provided in the beverage dispenser for ejecting the beverage, obstacle detection ~~module means~~ (50) for detecting an obstacle around the nozzle, ~~and~~ alarm generator means (60) for issuing an alarm when the detection ~~module means~~ detects the obstacle, and a nozzle cover for covering the plurality of nozzles and the obstacle detection module to partially close the taking-in/out space. The alarm may not be issued from the alarm means when the beverage is ejected or a switch (56) may be provided for causing the alarm ~~generator means~~ inoperative. Thereby, those around the dispenser are informed of the fact that ~~the an operator or a man of evil intention~~ has had unauthorized access to the nozzle in the beverage dispenser.